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My world view has expanded after meeting you

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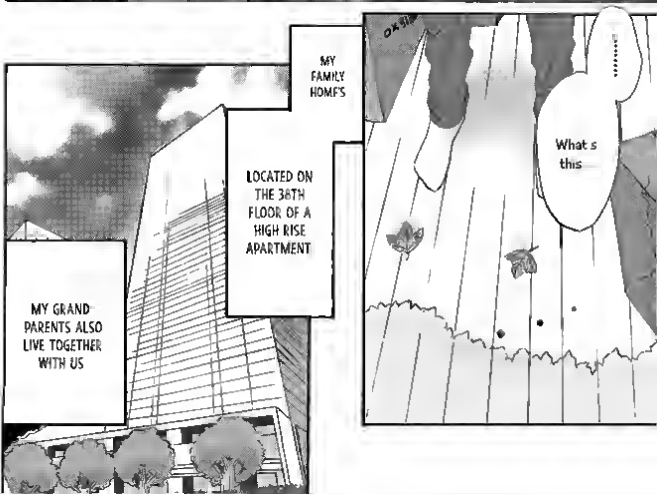
THE PROMISE OF RETURN

pull
It's caught on to something.
pull
pull
pull
pull
That reminds me I didn't conduct a preview this apartment.
And now
I just arrive on the first day of moving in
I'M NOW A UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIVING ALONE FOR THE FIRST TIME
rustle
open
CRACK
Woah.

FROM THE OPENED WINDOW
THE GRASSY SMELL OF SPRING
IS PERMEATING THE ROOM

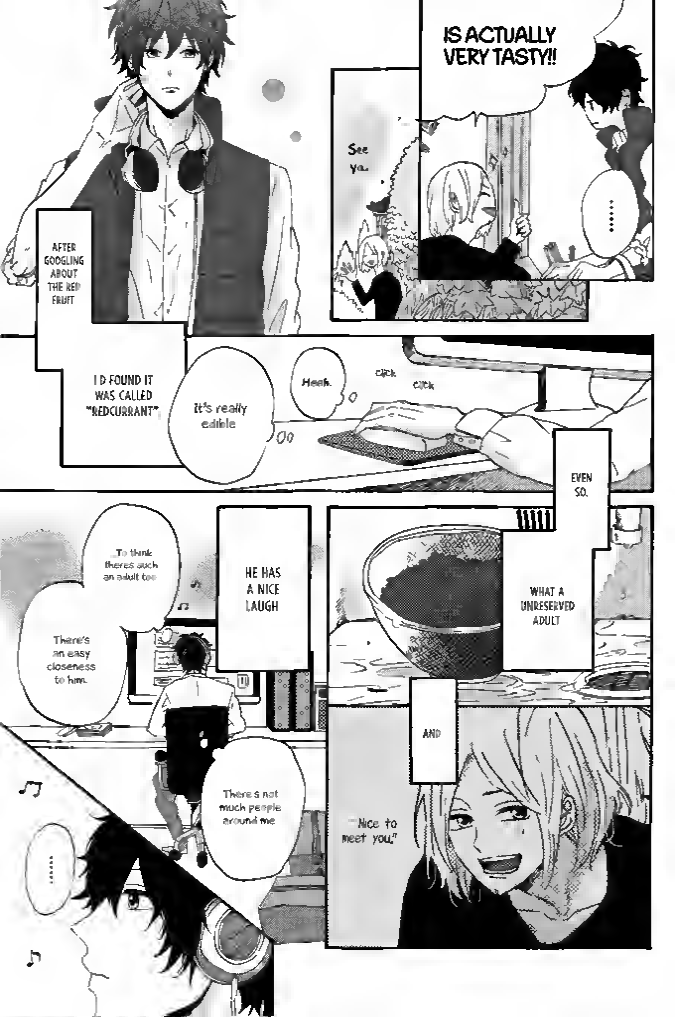

What s this
MY FAMILY HOME'S
LOCATED ON THE 38TH FLOOR OF A HIGH RISE APARTMENT
MY GRAND PARENTS ALSO LIVE TOGETHER WITH US

SPORT
GYM
...SO IT SEEMS THAT
MY HOBBIES ARE MUSIC AND GYM.
I WENT THROUGH AN ESCALATOR SCHOOL FROM ELEMENTARY ALL THE WAY TO HIGH SCHOOL.
IT WAS CLEAN AND SHINY LIKE A HOSPITAL.
There's a branch extending from the neighboring garden
I'll have to cut it.
Ah.
FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME WHO HAD A SUPER ARTIFICIAL LIFE IN A SUPER ARTIFICIAL ENVIRONMENT...
THIS IS A HUGE DEAL
BY THE WAY, THIS DEADPAN FACE RUNS IN THE FAMILY
Well I guess...
Hmmmm...

surprise
!?
Uhm...
no youre doing it wrong
Nice to meet you too.
I'm Mutou Tsukasa
Alllright it's ready!
GYAGYAGYAGYAGYA
SHOCK
GYA
GYA GYA
GYA
GYA
Chain-saw
What is that?
Cha...
Might want to step back if you don't want to get hurt—
It has been left unattended for the past few years. I'm afraid it has got out of hand...
Now just give me a sec and I'll cut it down lickety-split!!
Ah that's right
I'm Uotmatsu
clink
We'll be neighbors starting from today. nice to meet you
clank

I think that
you should just cut this branch here and-
HERE I GOOOO~
Fall back!
THE OLD MEN OF THIS SOCIETY REALLY DON'T LISTEN TO WHAT PEOPLE SAYS EH
GYAGHAGHAGHAGHA
How about this mess...?
I don't have an axe or something similar
It's kinda a rare item.
Eh really? Well I'll lend you one
Here.
Ah, you can use the axe and chop it into pieces then throw away right?
AN AXE?!
into pieces?!
HE'S SOMEONE WHO'S WELL PREPARED
Do you chop wood?
Lift up
.....
Now it won't block the window from closing!!!
Good good

TIN A VERY FAMOUS HORROR FILM BASED ON STEPHEN KING'S NOVEL OF THE SAME NAME
smile
smile
I refuse
Try acting out like The Shining
It'd be funny
Ehh-
Why not?
Let's see... mostly electro or techno...
Techno.
laugh
!?
GRAB
Say-
what music are you listening to with this headphone?
tug
tug
That red fruit over there
Okay !!
tell you something good too.
I think there's a lot of hi-pas in this--
Yeah that's just how the genre goes.
Enough "Techno" for me.
That's it
Hmm


IS ACTUALLY VERY TASTY!!
See ya.
AFTER GOOGLING ABOUT THE RED FRUIT
I'D FOUND IT WAS CALLED "REDCURRANT"
It's really edible
Heeh.
click click
EVEN SO,
WHAT A UNRESERVED ADULT
HE HAS A NICE LAUGH
...To think there's such an adult too
There's an easy closeness to him.
There's not much people around me
AND
"Nice to meet you."

GET OUUUUUT!!!!
HAH!!!! YOU BAS-TARD!
DON'T COME AGAIN!!!
ha
ha
ha
Techno?
I'D ALREADY REFUSED, BUT I'D TO SAY HE'S VERY PERSISTENT...
Ahhh, that pisses me off
THAT GUY... HE CAME TO NEG*TIATE ABOUT BUILDING AN APARTMENT BLOCK HERE
...DO THEY THINK THEY CAN JUST DIG A HOLE IN MY GARDEN?
If I catch them, I'll bury them!!!
I think you should just report them
.....
wheeze
wheeze
wheeze
Oh-
Umm are you okay? What are you doing?
Hey Techno, isn't it?
tn: LOL, he doesn't remember Mukuro's name!! And Ikuo from Hara cowards, he's getting stuck being called "Techno" hihihi

So
are you going somewhere?
No, I just want to return the axe.
Ahhhh! I'd totally forgotten.
I see
I see
Well then go ahead and go up to the house
Have yourself a cup of tea.
あなたの
カレ
anatakare
It's old so
It looks like a set straight out of an old movie
don't be afraid of various things
Also, that's the garden
But I'm ashamed of it because it's not maintained properly. Not my forte I'm afraid
It has lapsed into ruin.

THE OLD MAN'S GARDEN IS THICK WITH VEGETATION.
IT'S OVER-FLOWED WITH LIFE AND VITALITY
LIKE A WORLD OF ITS OWN
I don't have much here.
but it's a place for anything.
It's
a place I want to protect.
IT'S A WORLD THAT I DIDN'T KNOW EXISTED

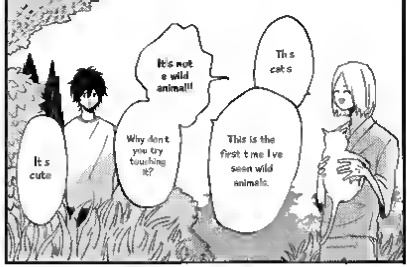
AND
I THOUGHT IT WAS BEAUTIFUL
This
s the first time in my life that I've seen vegetables growing from the soil
Wow
Chillin'...
!?
First time?!
As a modernized kid,
Because I've lived a life far apart from this.
Everything in this garden looks brand new to me.

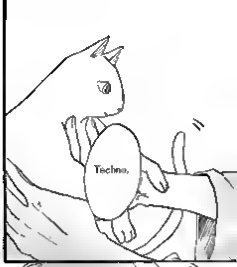
...Hehhh~
that's really unusual, Techno.
Well, In my opinion, anyone can see that you're a weird old man.
I've been thinking since just now, but why "Techno"...
Eh, it's fitting though.
Also, can you like not call me "old man" anymore?
I'm not an OLD MAN.
...so how old?
I've barely reached 30!!!
But for me, 30 is considered an old man...
A NM STUDENT'S VIEWPOINT
BUT THAT WAS UNEXPECTED...
I actually thought he was younger
BLANCE
Do you want to look at the garden?

It's okay. Feel free to explore.
"I want to see the garden".
Well...
Eh.
because a little while I go... I can see that your face's saying
Crash
...Ah.
Hah.
here I go.
I'VE BEEN FOUND OUT...
I DO WANT TO SEE THE GARDEN
THE GARDEN. WELL...WELL...I DO WANT TO SEE IT, BUT
I CAN'T UNDERESTIMATE THIS 30 YEAR OLD GUY.
Be careful
STOP
!
It's soil
The ground's soft
Ah
It's the ants procession ? It's the real thing...so cool

...Students nationwide are having our spring break right now
The schools starting next week
Old man, are you a NEET?!
I'M NOT A NEET, OKAY?!
Are you a freeter?*
Hey~ by the way
why are you just hanging about with nothing to do on a weekday?
*NEET: young people not in education, employment or training
I CAN READ IT
I'M PUBLISHED, YOU KNOW!
TRANSLATION?! YOU CAN READ ENGLISH?!
You're lying, right?
WHAT?
I'M A TRANSLATOR!!
I'M TELLING YOU I'M NOT WORKING FROM HOME!!
No wonder you're staying home even during the day...
Cabbage from the left
then asparagus, carrot
!
and next to it is crown daisy*
We also have an edible chrysanthemum, it has a slightly bitter taste but is very recommended in some tasty recipes, in sushi rolls I like it in soups the best
I'm really an old man.
you're just a young boy.
Anyways a uni student
stare

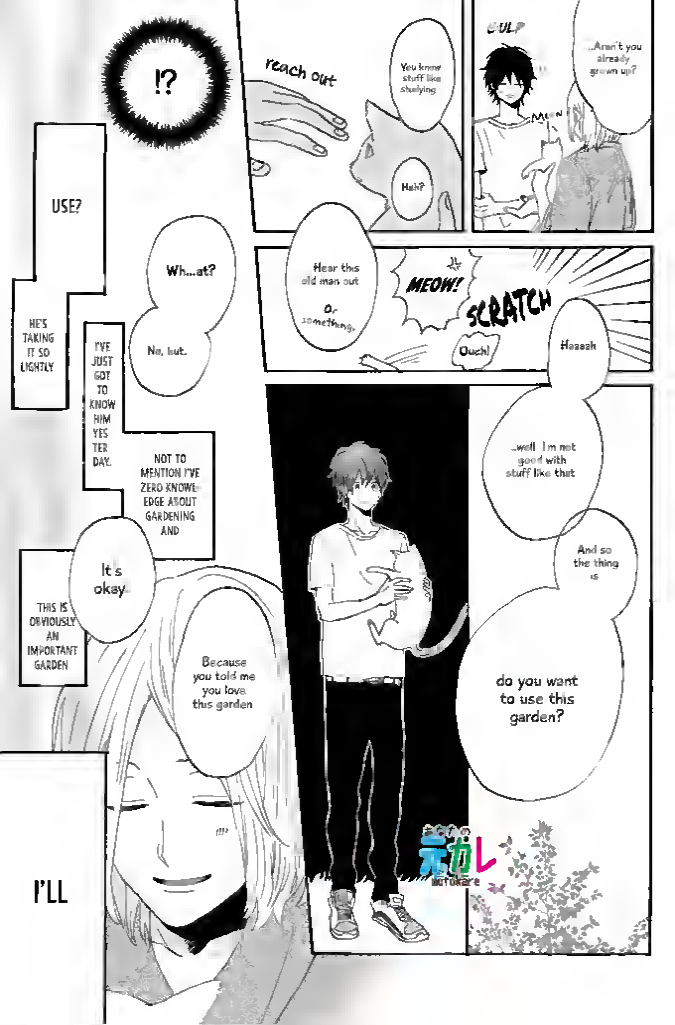
Crown daisy's very strong in fragrance
Give it a whiff
whole
shudder
!!
It's a lovely smell
It's strong right?
See over there, Techne.
TN: Nanohana = rapeseed, also called rape blossoms (pronounced as "rah-pay") don't misunderstand in Japan.
The one you see over there with the yellow flowers is called "Nanohana"
This grass here is St. Johns Wort
It can be medicine for cuts and wounds.
Across it, the pink ones is geranium
This red flower here has honey that you can lick. It's very sweet.


It's cute
Why don't you try touching it?
It's not a wild animal!!
This cat's
This is the first time I've seen wild animals.


Techno.

You've got a really nice place here

It got me thinking that it's the kind of place that I want to grow up in
I've grown to love this garden
...


!?
reach out
You know stuff like studying
Huh?
GULP
...Aren't you already grown up?
Hear this old man out
Or something.
MEOW!
SCRATCH
Ouch!
Haaaah
...well I'm not good with stuff like that
And so the thing is
do you want to use this garden?
Because you told me you love this garden
It's okay.
THIS IS OBVIOUSLY AN IMPORTANT GARDEN
Wh...at?
No, but.
I'VE JUST GOT TO KNOW HIM YESTERDAY.
NOT TO MENTION I'VE ZERO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT GARDENING AND
USE?
HE'S TAKING IT SO LIGHTLY
I'LL

YOU'RE REALLY
BWA HA HA HA
ROCKING THAT AUTHENTIC AGRICULTURE STYLE!!!
TREASURE THIS GARDEN CAREFULLY.
.....
Heyyyy Techno
I looked it up on the net, this is just the common look
Gya ha ha ha
That's right, for farmers that's it
IN THIS OLD MAN'S HOUSE.
SFX: A HAHAHA
あはは
THERE'S 3 STRAY CATS.
A DOG.
A TURTLE AND A GOLD FISH
IN BETWEEN HIS WORK.
THE OLD MAN TEACHES ME HOW TO GROW PLANTS

IF YOU SOW SEEDS
WHEN THE SOIL IS WARM, A SMALL BUD WILL EMERGE
AND SAD THINGS TOO
WHEN I LOOKED UP AT THE SKY
THE STARS ARE BLINK ING
IT NEVER CROSSED MY MIND THAT I CAN EXPERI ENCE SUCH VARIED
EMOTIONS AND FEEL INGS
THERE WAS A LOT OF FUN
OF COURSE.

Um. Keigo = honorific/formal speech in Japanese.
Why are you speaking in keigo?
...I can't afford to be distracted by you right now.
So, the deadline's up.
Please don't come into people's room without prior permission?
The sickle...
Hey, where's the sickle?
.....
KATTSE
Hey, old man.
the sickle-
Ah, I'm in deep shit.
It's almost time for editing.
H... hair's coming loose...
FLOMP
Eeek
UWAAA
I haven't done any thing !!
Tenma, it's you, sort!!!
Sorry for intruding.
OPEN
slip...

There's an apartment next door and the relationship between me and Tachi is that we're just neighbors!
He often came to mess with the garden.
Ahhh, that gave me a shock. So that's how it is~
So you're Techno -kun.
Ah ha ha
flinch
WHO'S THIS? A NEW GUY? HE'S SO YOUNG!!
DID YOU CONQUERED A YOUNG ONE?!
THAT'S NOT IT, DON'T MAKE UP SOME DUMB STORY!
GASP
Ahhh,
Yoshinari.
Wait
what is this, Uematsu -kun?
Nice to meet you.
I'm Yoshinari. I work at XX publishing company as the editor in charge of Uematsu-kun.
PAT PAT
!
Ahhh, no way. It's impossible to be in with. He's straight.
Hey Uetmatsu-kun you're not cool at all!
This kid's not bad right?! Why don't you give younger ones a go?!!
Nice to meet you too
My real name is Mutsu Tsukasa
stare...
おなかの元カレ
otokare

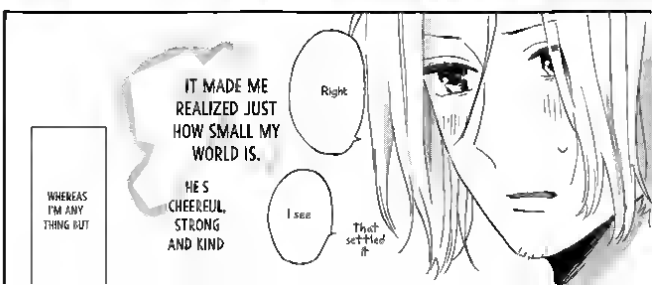
...What's that just now...
Um...what are you guys talking about?
...something about being straight as a new man.
!?
turn
...Oh, I didn't mention it?
I'm gay...
REALIZE SOMETHING
LATCH
...Pfft.
Hee, hee.
!
Hey, Techno!
You
like to just simply loiter inside another man's house
I'll pounce on you you know?
tch. we'll see who gonna get pounced instead, tch.

ARE YOU STUPID OR WHAT? IF YOU DO THAT I'LL REALLY ATTACK!
WHACK
Ouch!
This guy's actually not good with younger guys and he doesn't lay hands on straight guys.
He's a choosy cat anyway.
Ah haha... Techno-kun, don't worry!

(Tn. by cat she meant neko, which is a slang for bottom, (uke, receiver, catcher, ...) get the drift)

SOME-HOW.
Haa.
However, Techno-kun, you're a gutsy one, eh?
Not all I said were true.
Damn you Yoshinari... just saying whatever you want...
Teacher is Techno's lead stuff!!

Uhm, I don't want you to stop giving me a hand with the garden However...
IF
If you're not comfortable with with gays or anything you don't have to force yourself to come here
Even though its rare, there's still many people who still can't accept it.
I
Though at this point in time...
don't care about that sort of thing
For me rather than thinking of you as a gay
you're first and foremost to me just an old man"


WHEREAS I'M ANY THING BUT
HE'S CHEERFUL, STRONG AND KIND
IT MADE ME REALIZED JUST HOW SMALL MY WORLD IS.
I see
That settled it
Right

I THINK I MIGHT'VE BEEN WORSHIPPING THE OLD MAN LIKE A GOD.
I read on the news yesterday that the rainy season has set in.
SFX: fwuush
Hey old man, want you get a cold if you sit in such a place?
The hydrangea in the backyard is in full bloom.
あなたのカレ
Anatakare
..I really hate the rain
Old man?

I HEARD HIM SAY "I HATE" ABOUT ANYTHING
FOR THE FIRST TIME.
.....
Why...?
.....
...Is that why you're feeling down recently?
Because you hate the rain?
Well, it's kinda like an adult reason.
It's still too early for you to understand, Techan.
Ah ha ha.
Thank you.
.....
I didn't know that he could also make such a face.
BECAUSE HE WAS LAUGHING SO SADLY
I FAILED
TO HEAR WHAT HE WAS SAYING AFTER THAT
Maybe...

OPEN
...ing hard...
Ah, I'll see you out
witted
Yeah, yeah.
Well then, I'll keep the manuscript and get going, okay?
Uetmatsu-kun, as for the next deadline.....
You know what to do, I believe.
...You want to know?
That was kind of unexpected.
And he wouldn't tell me why. I...
He just willfully let it go!!
Uetmatsu-kun's really worn out! He'll be like this every year during this period.
This period?
Yup, the rainy season.
Ahh,
he's feeling down lately. He said he hates the rain...
On your own accord?
...It's not okay to say?
Well, I want to know, too.
It's Uetmatsu-kun's personal matter.
The reason,
I wish I can tell you, Techno-kun...

This was originally his lover's house.
But,
You know,
long time ago Uematsu -kun, he
lives in this house with his lover
that guy passed away several years ago...
Um. Emh just 1 page ago you say you can't say anything!
It was during the rainy season
THAT GUY
HAD SUCH A PAST..
THE SEASON WHEN HIS LOVER
DIED

The old man was in love.
MEOW
I SEE.
MEOW
IS THAT WHY HE HATES THE RAIN?
See you~
I'd been treating him like
he's a distant existence because I'd think of him akin to a god
OPEN
HATE.
TO TURN INTO
IT'S COMMON FOR GRIEF
breathe
breathe
BUT
THAT'S WRONG
HE'S A LIVING BREATHING HUMAN BEING
CARRYING A DEEP SORROW.
元カレ
motokare

WHAT'S THIS FEELING?
PAT
PAT
I don't want to see him with this sadness.
...But regardless,
it gets your shoes wet,
Nhn
Water that accumulates on the asphalt,
or when I left my umbrella on the train
But now, I like it
I hated the rain too
-brush-
IT'S SO OVERFLOW ING THAT
"You don't really have to water it."
"But..."
"It'll come down from the sky."
creak
MY CHEST HURTS.

DEAR PRECIOUS,
I'm indebted to you old man.
It's because of you I've made more friends
I'm...
Recently all my friends have commented that I've "changed"
I've become gentler

really glad to have met you

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GRIEF ANYMORE.

Footstep
I WISHED FOR YOU
TO LAUGH ONCE MORE